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October 1st, marked the official opening of the 13th biennial Ecclesiastical Congress of the Greek Orthodox Church of North America.

Archbishop Michael, Primate, officiating the Divine Liturgy in the new St. Sophia Cathedral in Washington D.C., some 2,500 clergy, delegates and friends saw the Archbishop present President Dwight D. Eisenhower with the Andrew's Medal, the highest lay decoration of the Church. Mrs. Eisenhower also received the Golden Medal. While presenting the medals, the Archbishop told the Eisenhowers that: 'Our church attendance almost every Sunday is the best example to all American citizens of every extraction and denomination, especially to the youth'. The Archbishop also urged them for 'not missing any opportunity to emphasize in the strongest way the great importance for the individual and all the community of faith in Almighty God'.

Following this, the Archbishop went in escort of the Eisenhowers outside the church for the dedication of the new Cathedral. Some 50,000 people, behind police lines, watched as the Eisenhowers placed mortar on a small altar symbolic of the final stone to be put in the \$1,500,000 edifice.

On the days following, the Archbishop, by virtue of his office as religious leader, presided

over the entire convention of some 650 delegates from all parts of the Western Hemisphere, where the 356 parishes of the Greek Church are active.

The Congress, held every two years, constitutes the supreme law-making body of all Greek Orthodox parishes in North and South America on matters of community administration. Decisions become binding on all church parishes which are within the geographical boundaries of, and under the immediate jurisdiction of, the Archdiocese. As the Congress deals almost exclusively with secular matters and problems, it cannot interfere in matters of doctrinal nature.

In addressing the Congress, the Archbishop appealed for cooperation by churches on common tasks. Stating that 'inter-church rivalry is the great tragedy of our so-called Christian camp', the Archbishop continued by saying: 'Let us hope and pray that the Roman Catholic Church may join us one day and....that we may create a united spiritual front on an international level in close cooperation with the other religions and faiths, against the always aggressive and militant materialistic system of godless Communism'. He urged members of the Church to pray for the ultimate success of the ecumenical work.

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Other speakers included Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, who expressed his feeling that 'moral principles are simple and can be easily stated', but applying them is 'immensely difficult'. Stressing that 'those who guide us spiritually do not have the time to study political problems', he determined the applicability of these principles to a given situation 'would find it is easy to reach wrong judgements'. Mr. Dulles said he has more faith each passing day in the ultimate triumph of moral law; and that ever since attending the 1937 Oxford Conference, which laid the foundation for creation of the World Council of Churches, he has been convinced that more could be accomplished thru spiritual force than thru political means.

Vice-President Nixon also addressed the Congress, expressing his appreciation for the contributions the Greek people have brought to the United States.

Mr. Spyros P. Skouras, president of 20th Century-Fox Film Corporation, proposed the erection of a multi-million dollar center for Eastern Orthodoxy in Istanbul, Turkey, traditional seat of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Mr. Skouras presented a glowing picture of a 75 acre area in the heart of the old city of Constantinople, with some 20 millions of dollars worth of buildings in which the Patriarchate would be housed. He estimated that over a million visitors would come to visit such a center each year. His suggestion drew much favorable comment, although no official action was taken. On another proposal that an independent religious State, similar to Vatican City, be established in Istanbul, as the seat of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, was roundly defeated mainly on the basis that the Patriarch is opposed to it, and also because of the issue of Separation of Church and State.

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Committee Reports and Motions were also heard, with the following being of special interest:

Rev. Christos Pappas, archdiocesan director of education, reported the Church now operates 10 parochial schools, with an enrollment of more than 13,000 other pupils attended daily Greek classes after parochial school hours, and 30,000 pupils attended 365 Sunday schools. In connection with this, the Archbishop agreed that more English should be used by the Church, particularly in catechism instruction.

Bishop Athenagoras, in reporting on the work of the Holy Cross Theological Seminary in Brookline, Mass., stated that enrollment had increased to a total of 100, preparing for the priesthood.

The delegates adopted a resolution calling for a stronger youth program in the Church. They approved a motion that the president of the GOYA be a member of the Clergy-Laity Council.

Creation of a new diocese of Washington D.C. was urged in a resolution unanimously adopted by the delegates. St. Sophia Cathedral Church would be the new Seat of the proposed Diocese.

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AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHURCH

Foreign



RARE TOMB OF HYKSOS SHEPHERD KINGS' uncovered in northern Galilee, near the Biblical town of Tel Hazor, by Hebrew University archaeologists.

The 'Shepherd kings' were the earliest invaders of Egypt, conquering it without a blow about 1685 B.C., according to Josephus (Manetho Book II),

also identified them as Israelites. The Hyksos and their people held sway over Egypt thruout 15th-17th dynasties, or about 510 years, until driven out by a rebellion. Some 240,000 of these art people then migrated to Judea, where they built Jerusalem. Very few historical records or haeological traces have ever been found of their period.

discovery came when a circular staircase leading into a rock tunnel fronted by a monumental h(used only in royal tombs) was uncovered. Diggers are now being employed to remove tons of ris, which apparently tumbled down by an ancient earthquake.

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TH CENTURY BYZANTINE BASILICA DISCOVERED NEAR NIS IN EASTERN SERBIA. Team of archaeologists from the Belgrade National Museum have uncovered the remains of a re three-aisled Byzantine basilica. The floor is of white flagstones and covers an area of some square yards. Presence of Roman coins reveal that it was constructed on a Roman site. In nan times, it is known, Bela Palanka, the site of the ruins, was a provincial capital called esiana; in later days it was the seat of Bishop Nikita of Remesiana.

nd the basilica are graveyards with human skeletons, probably dating from the 9th or 10th uries. On one skeleton a bronze cross of Syrian workmanship was found.

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NERSTONE OF THE 'BASILICA OF ALL SAINTS' LAID ON SITE OF MARTYRS' os on the island of Milos. Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Philaretos of Syra officiated at the emony, which was attended by high Church and State officials from Athens.

site of the basilica is above a series of catacombs, in which the tombs of two 1st century stian martyrs were discovered last April (see AREO, May, 1956, page 7). The catacombs inally were discovered in 1840 by Ludwig Ross, a German archaeologist. They consist of e communicating corridors with galleries containing many graves leading from each corri-

pecial committee, named by the Holy Synod, to study the catacombs had been appointed for ask of developing the area so that the general public might be able to come and see first- of the days of old.

For an analysis of the Catacombs, see AREO Quarterly - Vol I, No. I, Winter, 1956. ED

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CENTURY GERMAN CHURCH PROVIDES LAMPS FOR WORSHIPERS TO ATTEND ices. A small German village on the river Elbe lends small brass lamps to each villager so they each light their own lamp and place it in a small bracket by the seat, to see by. This is e, because the nobleman, who built the Church, provided no interior lighting whatsoever, but tuted the idea of individual worshippers having their own light.

Whether symbolic or practical - certainly a novel idea to awaken individual interest and participation in the Services. ED.

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WIFE-SHARING POPULAR AMONG AUSTRIAN RELIGIOUS SECT. Reuters reported that a religious sect had run afoul of the law by exchanging marriage partners. Nearly neighbors objected to the practice and the law stepped in.

In Rome, in the meanwhile, the theological magazine 'Palestra del Clero' undertook to answer a reader's question on the position of the Catholic Church on kissing. According to the magazine, kissing is a venial sin (punishable by purgatory) if participants feel an immediate carnal pleasure; but, if the kiss is a mere prelude to further acts, the kiss is a mortal sin and punishable by hell. The magazine pointed out that kissing had been dealt with quite fundamentally by Pope Clement IV in 1311 AD and Alexander VII in 1660.

• Probably the Pope who dealt with the problem most thoroly was Alexander VI(Rodrigo Borgia) ; the reader is invited to the pages of the Encyclopaedia Britannica for a recitation of the facts. ED.

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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH DELEGATION COMPLETES VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA with a five day tour of the provinces of Serbia and Macedonia. Headed by Archbishop Dorotheos of Athens, the Greek group was escorted by Patriarch Vikentije, who is head of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

The Greeks had been on a two week visit, during which they had been received by President Tito at the 'White Palace' in Belgrade and the President had invested Patriarch Vikentije and Archbishop Dorotheos with the 'Order of the Yugoslav Banner, First Class'. Metropolitans Hristomos of Phillipon and Thassos, Amvrosios of Ftiotis, Seraphim of Arta, and Damaskino of Triphiliae all were invested with the insignia of the second class of the same order.

Archbishop Dorotheos expressed his appreciation by recalling how both Yugoslavia and Greece had 'fought for peace in the past' and 'the joint struggles and joint sufferings of our peoples have forged unbreakable links of friendship, love and cooperation'. He added, 'the Greek people is waging a difficult struggle for its undeniable rights and is deeply grateful for the interest and warm support of the friendly Yugoslav people'.

Patriarch Vikentije evidently received the award as a result of his efforts to cultivate relations between the Serbian Church and the Orthodox Church in Greece. He had made an official visit to Greece just a year previously.

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ORTHODOX METROPOLITAN SEBASTIAN RUSAN DIES SEP'T. 15th, according to Bucharest Radio. He was Metropolitan of Moldiva and Suceava in Romania.

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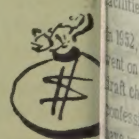
MIRACLE CURES REPORTED ON ISLE OF ZANTHE during a religious procession in which relics of St. Denis, patron saint of the island, were being carried thru the streets.

In a message to Archbishop Dorotheos of Athens, Metropolitan Chrysostom of Zanthé told of Theodora Massura, 18, and Mrs. Anthie Loukidou, 40, of Patras who were cured of a nervous disease, from which both had suffered for years. The two women had made the land and water pilgrimage from Patras to Zanthé to seek the intercession of the saint.

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\$200,000 SENT TO GREEK ORTHODOX DIOCESE OF BEIRUT FOR DISTRIBUTION to the poor. The money was sent following a visit of Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Elia Salibi (Syrian Orthodox) of Beirut, Lebanon to the Soviet in August, 1956.

The Moscow Patriarchate also donated an operating room, x-ray and radiotherapy equipment to the Orthodox hospital of St. George. Another gift was an electric carillon for the Orthodox Cathedral of St. George in Beirut. In addition, Patriarch Alexei has offered to supply Orthodox high schools with electrical, chemical and physics laboratory equipment.



In return for additional aid to the schools, it is reported that Russian language must be added to the school curriculum.

• Interesting note: prior to his visit to Russia, Metropolitan Salibi had refused to accept any gifts from Moscow. ED.

OSCOV PATRIARCH INVITES GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHBISHOP DOROTHEOS TO visit the Soviet Union for three weeks with four members of the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church of Greece. The Holy Synod announced it would postpone its decision as to whether they would accept. In May, 1955 they had rejected a similar bid extended to the late Archbishop Spyridon of Athens.

Patriarch Alexei, in extending the invitation, urged the trip as a means of 'having a communion in the spirit of the Lord's love, familiarizing yourself with the life of our Church and country, and tying together our spiritual bonds'. In his letter, he further recalled that Saints Cyril and Methodius, who were Greeks, had 'first brought the light of Christ' to the Slavic countries and converted them to Christianity.

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UGOSLAV ORTHODOX PATRIARCH VIKENTIJE VISITS RUSSIA at invitation of Alexei, Patriarch of Moscow. Heading an 11 man delegation, Vikentije announced they planned to stay 5 days in Russia; while there, he said that talks would be held with Russian Church leaders about 'cooperation on joint questions', not only with the two Churches 'but also with the whole orthodox world'.

The visit marks the first time that a Serbian Church delegation has gone to Eastern Europe since Marshall Tito broke with the Cominform in 1948.

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POPE'S CONFESSOR APPEALS FOR RETURN TO ORTHODOX CUSTOM of reading a portion of the Bible at every Mass until the entire Scriptures are covered during the ecclesiastical year.

The Rev. Agostino, S.J., confessor to Pope Pius XII, spoke at the International Congress of Pastoral Liturgy. He recalled that the custom, and Orthodox tradition, of reading the entire Old and New Testaments in sections at Masses throught the year had prevailed in the West until the 3rd century. He stated he now believed: 'Divine Providence has instilled in our time a new love for Biblical studies, together with a renewal of the Liturgy'. The Reverend Father also urged that the sermons of the Mass be confined to the explanation of the Gospel. (also, a well-known Orthodox custom).

At the same meeting, Bishop Wilhelm van Bekkum, S.V.D., of Ruteng, Indonesia, called for the use of the vernacular in portions of the liturgy and suggested the immediate restoration of a married diaconate.

Dom Oliver Rousseau, O.S.B., of the priory of Chevetogne in Belgium, added: 'We can learn from the Oriental Liturgies, because they have kept alive the awareness of the presence of the Apostles and the contact of the people with the Liturgy by means of the vernacular'.

• It is good to see and hear that the primitive Church of Christianity is being restored, at least in the outer manifestations of the worship life. ED.

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PROTESTANT PASTOR TO HEAR CONFESSIONS every morning between 7:30 and 8:30. He announced by Rev.H. Schieber, of the German Evangelical Church of Stuttgart, Germany, followed by a few weeks the discussions held at the Evangelical Congress at Frankfurt, where the question of individual confession was raised and restoration urged.

For the first time in the history of the Evangelical Church, facilities were provided at the congress for hearing confessions of persons attending. The demand was so heavy, that the facilities proved to be inadequate.

In 1952, of course, the General Synod of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany went on record in favor of reviving individual confession. At that time the Synod approved a draft chapter of a new Church Order which stated that all pastors should be ready to hear confessions and give absolution. (Other Evangelical Churches, including non-Lutheran, also have urged revival of the practice.)

• Individual confession was abolished by the Protestant Church in Germany around 1700. It was reintroduced formally in Bavaria in the middle of the 19th century, but was practiced only in isolated cases. All in all this is certainly a positive return to the original Sacramental usage, even as mentioned in the preceding articulation by the Pope's Confessor. ED.

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TREASURE HOUSE OF PRECIOUS BIBLICAL MANUSCRIPTS finds resting place in Dublin. Sir Alfred Chester Beatty, New York born British mining magnate, now residing here, has established a library for the housing of the priceless papyri, manuscripts, miniatures, and ancient volumes and tomes.



Most widely known of the library's contents are a series of Biblical papyri dating from the 2nd and 3rd century; also, the famous 'find' of the Septuagint version of the Old Testament (part of which belongs to Princeton University and the University of Michigan). Sir Alfred also has acquired a large share of Manichean papyri, containing the text of the lost books of the Manichean Faith, written in Coptic. Some of these have been published, but others are still being separated and mounted.

Western manuscripts include a wide field of Bibles, Psalters, Gospels, commentaries and liturgical and devotional works. These are mostly in Latin, but some are in Greek and one in Hebrew. Some of these are the Walsingham Bible of 12th century England; a richly decorated Bible made for Cardinal Niccolo Albergati of Bologna, dated 1428; and a volume of Gospels from Stavelot Abbey, executed in Flanders around 1000 AD.

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ROMANIAN ORTHODOX BISHOP ANDREI MOLDOVAN TOURS ROMANIA on a visit there from his home in Detroit, Michigan. Bucharest Radio reported he was there for discussions with that country's religious leaders.

In 1950, the bishop, then a priest, flew secretly to Romania where he was consecrated as Bishop of North America by the Patriarch and Holy Synod in Bucharest. Most American churches of the Romanian group refused to accept him, on his return, on the grounds that the Romanian Communists were planning to use him as a catspaw in the U.S.A.

In 1951, Dr. Viorel Trifa of Cleveland, O., was elected bishop by the anti-Moldovan churches, which also voted to sever all canonical ties with the Synodical Church of Romania. Bishop Moldovan's efforts to frustrate this move were negated legally when the U.S. Supreme Court rejected his appeal from a permanent injunction, issued by a federal court in 1952, which forbid his representing himself as the head of the Romanian Orthodox Church in North America.

Last May, Princess Ileana, of Romania, told a Senate internal security subcommittee at a hearing in Washington, that 15 persons had left Detroit for Romania at the bishop's instigation in preceding weeks and that 19 more were planning to leave shortly thereafter.

The bishop is in his mid-fifties and was admitted to the U.S. in 1923 and was naturalized in Gary, Indiana in March of 1943.

- Again warnings must be issued regarding 'D.P.' clergy and their 'bishops' who enter the U.S., lest they be 'sheep in wolves' clothing'. The Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia, with headquarters in N.Y.C., also had a clergyman hiding in their organization in Western Europe. His name: Archimandrite Mstislav Volontsevich. He fled back to the Moscow Patriarchate in 1953 taking with him the names of 100 anti-Soviet Russians. He was later consecrated a bishop of the Moscow group. (see AREO for April & May). It is of interest to wonder how many potential 'spies' may be infiltrated into positions of authority in these 'D.P.' organizations. ED.

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OLD TESTAMENT BEING TRANSLATED INTO MODERN CHINESE FROM HEBREW by Rev. Lu Chen-chung, former research fellow at Yenching University, who now lives in Kowloon, just across the strait from Hong Kong, in the British held area of the China mainland.

Ten years ago, his work of translating the New Testament was completed in a published form and a second, revised edition of this work was published in 1952 by the Bible Book and Tract Depot of Hong Kong. The 58 year-old scholar, an ordained minister of the Church of Christ in China, said he expects to spend five or six more years on the Old Testament translation; he expressed hope it might be accepted as a replacement for the 'standard' Chinese Bible now in general use. (The latter, the result of some 29 years of work, was issued in 1919 to replace the earlier Marshman and Morrison versions of a century earlier).

GOD IS PRESENT AND POTENT IN SOVIET LIFE according to Dr. Paul B. Anderson, director of the Russian YMCA Press in Paris, said in an address delivered in Montreal at the 20th annual conference of the National Federation of Canadian University Students.

Dr. Anderson is a leading authority on the Russian Orthodox Church and its relations with the State. Last March, he acted as interpreter for a nine-man delegation of American Protestant leaders who spent ten days in the Soviet at the invitation of Patriarch Alexei.

Dr. Anderson stressed that though 'the Communist Party continues to consider religion a deterrent to its objectives in the Soviet, they consider it a help in its objectives abroad, because of its softening effect'.

- This editor, in discussing this point with a high official of the Orthodox Church (who asked to not be quoted), was informed that no matter what Orthodox or other religious body that a Russian might adhere to, that his country always came first and his Faith second. With this in mind, perhaps Dr. Anderson should have said: 'Russia is present and potent in all religious life and in God'. - ED.

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WORLD'S OLDEST PROTESTANT BODY - THE 'WALDENSIAN'S' - SEEKS UNION of all Italian evangelical groups, rather than mergers. This view-point was presented in the recommendation of a special committee, at the annual meeting of the Waldensian Synod in Torre Pellice, Italy, last month.

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EASTERN ORTHODOXY SURGES AHEAD IN CANADA. This thought was expressed by Rev. H.R. Lane, assistant secretary of the United Church of Canada's board of evangelism and social service at the Church's ninth annual conference.

The evangelism official stated that altho the United Church comprises at least one fifth of the Canadian people, 'the Lutheran and Eastern Orthodox groups are surging ahead and we could easily lose our place because we haven't the ministers to send into the field'. He added that it was not small salaries but small vision that kept young men from the ministry. He further continued that 'if we cannot provide strong leadership, then it will be no time at all until Jehovah's Witnesses and sects of this kind will have moved in and taken over'.

It is interesting to note that in Germany there have been strong warnings issued by both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church leaders against the growth of Jehovah's Witnesses. Looking southward from there, we find open rioting between Roman Catholics and Jehovah Witnesses in Bangui, French Equatorial Africa.

Such riots, as well as open hostility from leaders of other groups, causes one to wonder what deficiency has made itself felt in the life of the organized Church so that evangelical movements among people could become so powerful. The Waldensians, mentioned above, originated in just such a fashion. The Church should examine itself, rather than the other fellow, and correct its teachings, actions, abuses, and practices accordingly. ED.

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POPE OKAYS FLIGHTS INTO SPACE. Pope Pius XII told some 400 astronomical scientists, at the Seventh International Astronautical Congress in Rome, that their efforts to explore space are 'legitimate before God'. He elaborated on the Book of Genesis by explaining that when God told man to conquer the earth, He did not mean to limit mankind's efforts to the earth alone, but wanted them extended to the whole of creation.

- The Apostolic See is now 'out of this world'. ED.

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PEIPING RADIO ANNOUNCES CALL FOR 'LENIENCY' TOWARDS RELIGIOUS BODIES. The Radio reported the speeches of delegates to the Chinese Communist Party Congress in Peiping.

Li Wei Han, a prominent delegate, said many church leaders are 'patriotic' but some need to be 'remolded a bit'. He listed the 'five religions in China' as 'Buddhism, Taoism, Islamism, Christianity and Roman Catholicism'. (Li did not explain why he made such a strong distinction between the last two named)

Kao Feng, another delegate of authority, advised a 'hands-off' policy toward numerous religious personages of prominence, as they 'enjoy great prestige among the people'. 'If properly treated' he said, 'they might be won over to cooperate with the government. The land of the monasteries and mosques...should not be touched for the time being'.

SEPTEMBER CHURCH CONSTRUCTION SETS NEW RECORD, the Dep't. of Commerce and Labor reported. \$72,000,000 topped the previous high by 3%. Church construction for nine months of 1956, in the U.S.A., totalled \$545,000,000, an increase of \$7,000,000 over the same period of 1955.

Meanwhile, in France, the reconstruction of war-damaged or demolished churches has made this one of the greatest eras of church building in the history of France. Since 1949, the National Union for Reconstruction has restored or rebuilt 3,000 houses of worship. In most all of the new constructions, a stark and virtually unornamented architects' revolt against the cluttered neo-Gothic of a past century is evident from models displayed in the 6th Show of Sacred Art, at the Museum of Modern Art in Paris.

A.R.E.O., in giving proper news-coverage to all fields of Religious News, is compelled to devote space to the massive sweeping reformation of church architecture that is going on in all countries of the world. Thus, the following thoughts, facts, ideas, and apparent innovations are set forth in line with this policy of presenting all facets of such Religious News.

NOTRE DAME CHURCH in Royan, France is designed to dominate the low-lying countryside in the best Gothic tradition, the walls of the church will be lofty V-shaped screens of reinforced concrete on an elliptical ground plan. The screens will be linked by large glass panels. Architect Gillsey explained he was inspired by railroad locomotive sheds built by the engineer Bernard Lafaille. He said that Roman and Gothic cathedrals often emerged from building methods commonly employed for secular architecture.

IN BACCARAT, in the Moselle region, a church was built of reinforced concrete and Oregon pine, with light and ornamentation supplied by stained crystal panels in abstract designs. The crystal coming from Baccarat's principal industry - a crystal works. Kasis was the architect; he fashioned the building on the basis of an equilateral triangle - all metal parts of the structure being hidden behind American pine.

LA POUZIN, south of Valence on the main road to Paris from the Riviera, has a small church, which, because of the configuration of the ground and prevailing winds, is oriented to the west, instead of the east. The main altar, set to one side, is lighted as if with a theatrical spotlight, by a window in the choir, out of view of the congregation. The massive walls of the south side are painted white, the other walls and ceiling are dark grey. The curved wall of the choir, behind the altar is pale yellow. Light filters thru a big stained glass screen set in the south wall.

BELFRY CONSTRUCTION is perhaps one of the most interesting highlights of the reformation. A marked separation of the belfry from the church proper is the trend. One of the most striking of such modern belfries is at Seltz-on-Rhine, where the bells are set on four massive strictly functional concrete 'legs'.

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AMERICAN CHURCH ARCHITECTURE DIVERSE AND UNIQUE in two instances of recent occurrence.

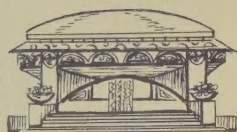
ST. MARTHA'S MISSION, Protestant Episcopal, in West Covina, Calif., will have glass walls altho standing amidst a grove of trees. Laminated beams and natural wooden posts will support the overhanging flat roof.

A giant white wooden cross rising from a reflection pool will dominate one end of the church. A solid mass of small gold crosses, suspended by wires on a pale blue wall, will background the larger cross. The interior, seating 500, will be marked by sliding walls, thus allowing one end of the building to be utilized as a parish hall while services can be held in the sanctuary portion of the 150 foot long church. The color scheme will feature blue green, gray, burnt pumpkin glass walls, and royal blue.

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION in Milwaukee, Wisconsin announce plans to erect a new \$500,000 church, designed by the famous Frank Lloyd Wright, 'dean' of American architects.



His sketches call for a circular auditorium suspended about 20 feet above ground by four connected pillars and surmounted by a dome of blue tile. Rev. Father Vergis announced the work is expected to start next spring and to be completed about a year later. He added that the church would 'follow basic Orthodox designs in a contemporary manner' but would be 'completely different from anything we know of anywhere in the world'.



The structure will be of reinforced concrete, tile and copper and will feature sweeps and curves with scarcely a square corner. The supporting pillars will rise from a circular excavation with nine steps, curving in a 75 foot arc between two of the pillars, providing access to the ground floor, from which three spiral stairways will lead to the main auditorium above and to the Sunday School rooms.

The building will be surrounded by a sunken garden, planted with shrubs and flowers. Inside the church, the auditorium will slope gently toward the center like the inside of a dish. Circling it about three-fourths of the way will be a balcony which will continue out of the main floor like the rim of a dish so that the main floor and balcony will tend to be a single surface. Pews, seating about 700 persons, will be arranged in a three-quarter circle around the auditorium facing the altar, which will fill the other quarter. (See AREO Quarterly, Vol. I, No. III for a more complete story on this Church, along with a brief presentation of the development of the interior ground-plan of an Orthodox Church from earliest times -)



OWENSBORO, KY.- Whilst checking building plans for a new plant, Building Inspector Jack Keeley came across a notation on the specifications regarding the proper grading of a hilly area of land on the proposed site. It read thus: Isaiah 40:4. Mr. Keeley checked, and read - 'Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.'



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ST. VLADIMIR'S ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL ACADEMY RECOGNIZED OFFICIALLY by the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of the North America as the official training seminary for future priests of the Church. The action was taken at the three day national sobor, last month, which was attended by three delegates from each of the sixty churches in the diocese.

St. Vladimir's was established in the 1930's as a Russian Orthodox Seminary and has since become a center for training clergymen representing various branches of Eastern Orthodoxy. It is located on the campus of Columbia University. Today, it has 38 students enrolled - 19 of them are Russian, 2 Japanese, 8 Syrian, 2 Ukrainian, 2 Greek, 2 Serbian, 1 Romanian, 1 Albanian, and 1 Non-Orthodox.

The Seminary was opened for the 1956 season, on October 1st, with a Molieben Service at the Protection of the Virgin Cathedral, N.Y.C., at which Metropolitan Leonty presided. In addition to seminary training, a course in adult Sunday School Teacher Training is also standard procedure at St. Vladimir's. The course consists of twenty 2-hour Tuesday evening lectures and discussions. Professors Schmemann, Verkhovsky and Kesic are providing the lectures. Fifty-five adults are enrolled for the present term.

• Constant forward march in Pan-Orthodoxy is essential in the Americanization of the Church. The Seminary is contributing its part in this vital work. ED.

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FIRST JAPANESE ORTHODOX ORDINATION IN CONTINENTAL U.S.A. performed by Metropolitan Leonty in Protection of the Virgin Cathedral, N.Y.C. on October 14th when he ordained Seminarian Peter Sayama to the diaconate. Soon to be ordained a priest, Peter Sayama is a native Japanese, on scholarship to St. Vladimir's, who will eventually return to Japan to take up the work of building the native language Japanese Orthodox Church into a stronger and more vital organization with the passing years.

• Even as in America, Orthodox must become American, so also in Japan must it become Japanese in culture-tradition-language and usage. ED.

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FOURTH EDITION OF ANASTASIOU GREEK-BYZANTINE LITURGICAL HYMNAL is published. This edition of George Anastasiou, experienced choir director of many years, is larger than before and contains prefaces, directions and arrangements on organizing choirs, seniors and juniors, along with organ history and chimes - both in English and Greek.

Instructions of Byzantine melody and the chimes of both the musical Liturgic systems of the Enharmonic-minor and Diatonic-major, with English phonetic pronunciations of the original Greek language is of imperative value to all Orthodox leaders and students.

- George Anastasiou resides at 251 South 60th Street, Phila. Penna. ED.

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TITHING WITH A REFUND CLAUSE is a novel practice at the First Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Church is sponsoring a 'Try the Tithe' campaign. The system is based on trying the tithe for a 3 month period; if, at the end of the period, he is not satisfied with the plan, both personally and as a good way for church-financing, the tither is entitled to a full-refund of all monies advanced.

Dr. Nolan P. Howington, pastor, explained that about 70% of the church budget comes from the members who tithe. He said, 'Baptists base their strong convictions about tithing on Malachi 3:10 :- Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse....and prove me herewith saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the doors of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it'.

- The 1955-56 budget was \$175,000. This is expected to be increased for the coming year. ED

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GREEKS DEDICATE NEW TAMPA, FLORIDA CHURCH. About 100 members of the Greek Orthodox Community assembled October 14th to dedicate the cornerstone of the half-completed \$65,000 Church. The Church has not yet been named, but when completed it will be the first Greek Orthodox Church in Tampa. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Constantine Raptis and Rev. Theo Karaphillis.

● This Community represents worshippers from Tampa, Lakeland, Winter Haven, Bartow, Bradenton, Sarasota and Fort Myers. ED.

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ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF AMERICA SEEKS MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL Council of Churches. The annual assembly voted unanimously to seek this membership, but, of course, such action must be approved by Catholicos Vazken I, whose See is at Etchmiadzin, Soviet Armenia. Archbishop Mampre Calfayan of New York, head of the American Church, will channel the action to the Catholicos.

Little difficulty is expected is gaining such approval, because the entire church body all over the world is anticipating joining the World Council of Churches, officials explained.

The annual meeting, held in Providence, R.I., also directed an investigation into the recent expulsion of retired Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan from Jerusalem by the Interior Ministry of Jordan. It was also announced that work will soon commence on the new \$1,000,000 Cathedral and cultural center in N.Y.C. A Church spokesman said two brothers, whose names were withheld, had contributed \$200,000 each toward the project, and a church society had given another \$200,000. The Cathedral is to be named after St.Vardan, who was martyred in 451 A.D.

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ECCLESIASTIC DISCLOSES REASON FOR OUSTER OF NERSOYAN FROM JERUSALEM. Archimandrite Papken Abadian, the Armenian Church's senior prelate in Israel, ascribed the ouster by the Jordan government of Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan (mentioned in preceding item) as being due to a conspiracy to oust Archbishop Yeghishe Derderian, acting Patriarch of the Jerusalem jurisdiction, and replace him with Archbishop Tiran.

The Archimandrite attributed the plan of ouster to a group of personal followers of Archbishop Tiran in the Brotherhood of St. James, an organization to which all Armenian clergymen in the Holy Land belong. Apparently, Archbishop Tiran's followers called a meeting of the brotherhood's 35 member General Assembly at which they voted to oust Archbishop Derderian, who was absent from the city. The General Assembly is, in effect, the patriarchal council of Jerusalem. He said that the group appointed Bishop Suren Kemejian to act on Archbishop Tiran's behalf until the latter is able to return to Jerusalem.

Archbishop Tiran is, at present, in Beirut, Lebanon, after being expelled from the Old City of Jerusalem by the Jordan government. Friends of the Archbishop claim his expulsion was due to his refusal to serve Jordanian political ends'. The Archimandrite, however, continued to describe the aforementioned Brotherhood meeting as 'quite unconstitutional' and 'an invitation to chaos'. He said the Brotherhood General Assembly can only be convened by the patriarch's locum tenens, or by a request of two-thirds of the membership. 'Neither condition was met', he declared, and 'moreover, the decisions of the rump meeting are subject to the approval of the Jordan government, which is unlikely to accept this gesture of defiance in promoting a group whom it has declared persona non grata'.

Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, a U.S. citizen of Turkish birth, was the 2nd ranking Armenian prelate in the Holy Land at the time of his expulsion. He had been living in the Monastery of the Holy Sepulchre in the Old City, since resigning as head of the American Church in 1954 for reasons of health. ED.



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DEAD SEA SCROLLS REVEAL HEBREW WIDELY USED as both a written and spoken language in time of Christ. Scholars have discovered that 90% of the scrolls found in 1952 appear to be written in Hebrew, and only 8% in Aramaic. In addition, six of the 388 scroll fragments are in Greek, which indicate that the Essenes were in contact with Greek-speaking people of Egypt and that they were familiar with the language.

Another interesting facet of the scrolls is that the story of Nebuchadnezzar in the Book of Daniel will have to be reinterpreted. Rev. Joseph T. Milik, in a translation of this scroll, published by the Revue Biblique of Paris, shows that King Nabonidus of Babylon and Assyria underwent the punishment ascribed to King Nebuchadnezzar in the 4th chapter of Daniel and repented in the wilderness as King Nebuchadnezzar was said to have done.

According to Babylonian cuneiform records, King Nabonidus was a grandson of Nebuchadnezzar and reigned from 555 to 538 B.C. The Biblical King reigned from 605 to 562 B.C. Scholars are beginning to believe that Balthazar, whose vision of the fateful handwriting on the wall is described in the Bible, was really Nabonidus' son and successor.

It is quite evident that time will reveal many more new reflections from the past that will greatly improve our understanding of the events and meanings contained in Scripture. ED.

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UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA REVEALS DISCOVERY OF GIBEON IN DETAIL. The Board of the University, which sponsored the archaeological expedition, along with the Church Divinity School of the Pacific (Episcopal) in Berkeley, Calif., announced that the 'royal city' of Gibeon was uncovered at el-Jib, an Arab village of about 900 people, eight miles north of Jerusalem. Positive identification was made from inscriptions found on three storage-jar handles.

The most spectacular find was a circular pool, measuring 36 feet in diameter and deep enough to contain a three-story house'. The pool was cut from solid rock and is believed to be the one mentioned in Chapter 2 of the 2nd Book of Samuel as the scene of the famous match between the men of Abner, Saul's captain, and Joab, captain of David's forces. Excavations also revealed that Gibeon, an area of about 16 acres, was protected by a ten-foot wall fortified with towers.

Gibeon is mentioned 43 times in the Bible. The Book of Joshua, Chap. 9, tells how its men invited Joshua to encamp at Gilgal and arranged an alliance with Israel. They represented themselves as inhabitants of a distant country. When the deception was discovered, the Hebrew leader ordered them to be 'hewers of wood and drawers of water to all the congregation'. The city was the scene of a battle between Joshua's Israelites and the forces of the five Amorite kings who besieged it. According to the Bible, it was during this battle that the sun stood still and hail and stones rained from the sky on the retreating Amorites. ED.

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REAR SCIENTIST PREDICTS CONFLICT BETWEEN RELIGION AND SCIENCE. Dr. E. A. Charpie, assistant director of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, said the conflicts are provoked by science's continual effort to bring greater understanding of the physical mechanism of life and the origin of the universe.

The young scientist said he anticipated the creation 'in our lifetime' of several forms of life in the test tube. He predicted great bitterness to be aroused over arguments 'between the scientific interpretation of experimental data and the ethical foundations of religion'.

● The scientist need have no fears of argument from those of the clergy who are prepared to look at reality, rather than at traditional day-dreaming of out-worn ideas. ED.

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ROOT BEER HAS THEOLOGICAL USE. Sale of root beer at a Mankato, Minnesota stand has now financed the college and seminary education of three Anderson' brothers. Sons of a Lutheran minister, now deceased, the three boys started a retail stand, gave away 8,000 cards for free root beers, and developed a booming business that has made their education possible.

● Root beer 'heads' help humans to get 'ahead'. ED.

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UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH of the U.S.A. HOLDS TRIENNIAL SOBOR in Chicago, Illinois. Under the jurisdiction of Archbishop Mstyslaw S. Skrypnyk of South Bound Brook, N.J., the Church was reported as having a total of 96 parishes in the U.S.A. The Archbishop said that new refugees have established 22 new Ukrainian parishes in the U.S.A. since 1953.

Other churchmen present at the Sobor included Archbishop Hennady Shyprikevich of Chicago, Metropolitan John Theodorovich of Bala-Cynwood, Penna., and Bishop Wolvolymyc of Detroit.

● In an interesting sidelight to this Sobor, the news of some dissent among these 96 parishes was made known to this Editor. It was reported that argument accumulated over the acceptance by all parishes of the by-laws of Archbishop Mstyslawa's administration. Dissent from some of the parishes may cause the emergence of a swing back to the jurisdiction of Archbishop Bohdan who directs the Ukrainian Orthodox Church under the authority of the Patriarch of Constantinople. ED.

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BISHOP ORESTES CHORNOCK BLESSES NEW ICONOSTAS AT NEW CASTLE, Penna. St. Nicholas Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church on Sunday, October 7th. The Church was first organized in 1910 with building improvement being made from time to time. Originally, the building was purchased from a Welsh Congregationalist congregation.

Thruout the years from 1910, some 16 priests have served the needs of the people; the present priest is Rev. Father Daniel Donovan. He, together with his wife, have worked earnestly to bring about many improvements in the Church and its work. The Iconostas is the crowning of Church decoration and its glory. Well over \$2600 has been contributed by members for Iconostas and the Iconostas Fund proper.

● St. Nicholas Church was the center of the movement of Carpatho-Russian priests who protested the decree of celibacy issued by Rome against the clergy of the Uniat or 'Greek-Catholic' people. As events show, this movement later resulted in the return to Orthodoxy of great numbers of these people, along with churches and clergy. Celibacy was never practiced in the 'Uniat' Churches in Europe and was aimed at eliminating the married priesthood in America in order to eventually liquidate the 'Uniat' churches here and bring them into Latin usage. ED.

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GREEK PRIEST FLIES TO VISIT MEMBERSHIP. Father Kutsaris, whose parish covers Utah and Nevada, flies his four-seat Bellanca in much the same fashion a clergyman would drive his car on visitations.

While his Church is located in Salt Lake City (Holy Trinity), Father Kutsaris finds it impossible to cover his 250,000 square mile parish without air-travel. Every Wednesday, the 30-year-old priest flies 40 miles north to Ogden for a meeting in the Greek religious school there, and then he flies 150 miles over the Great Salt Lake to the school at Tooele. He has been pastor of the parish for two years.

Inhibition of Byzantine Art

was displayed during the 13th Biennial ecclesiastical Congress held in Washington D.C. early in October.

more than 100 pieces of priceless religious art were shown. The collection had been gathered from several sources: New York Churches, the Greek Orthodox Theological Seminary, and a private collector of New York. Included were some 40 ancient canvasses and illuminated manuscripts; six paintings by Photis Kontoglou of Athens, Greece; 15 by George Gliatas of New York; six by Demetrios Dukas of Lynn, Mass.

As translated from Fotis Kontoglou on 'The Great Value of Byzantine Iconography': 'Iconography makes icons, which are sacred works. Its technique is entirely different from that of the schools of secular painting. Iconography does not have as its aim to reproduce a saint in incident from the Gospels of the lives of the saints, but to express them mystically, to impart to them a spiritual character'. ED.

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BISHOP MICHAEL CONFERS HONORS ON TWO NAVY CHAPLAINS of the Greek Orthodox jurisdiction at ceremonies in Washington D.C.

The title of Archimandrite was conferred on Chaplain(Lt.) N.S. Karias and the title of Ekonomos (Chaplain (Lt.) George Paulson. The latter is the highest title that can be given a married priest.

For the information of all Orthodox, a list is here attached of all known Orthodox Chaplains on duty with the Armed Forces. The list is given so that anyone having relatives on duty, particularly, may be able to tell them of the nearest location of an Orthodox Chaplain. ED.

Chaplain Alexander Seniavsky (LCDR)
Mission Chaplain's Office
Marine Division, FMF
Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Father Nicholas T. Kiryluk (1st Lt.)
Lackland Air Force Base
San Antonio, Texas

Chaplain George I. Paulson (Lt.)
Chaplain's Office - U.S. Naval Training Center
Parris, Maryland

Father Basil Stroyan (1st Lt.)
Sampson Air Force Base
Geneva, N.Y.

Chaplain Boris Geeza (Lt.J.G.)
Mission Chaplain's Office
Marine Division (Reinf), FMF
Camp Pendleton, California

Father Michael Draovitch (1st Lt.)
Keesler Air Force Base
Biloxi, Mississippi

Chaplain Nicholas Karias (Lt.J.G.)
Chaplain's Office
U.S. Naval Training Center
Great Lakes, Illinois



Father Michael Margitch (1st Lt.)
Parks Air Force Base
Hayward, California

Chaplain Michael Frimenko (Lt.J.G.)
Mission Chaplain's Office
Marine Division, FMF (in Japan)
APO, San Francisco, California

Father Peter Zolnerowich (1st Lt.)
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BUSINESS EXECUTIVE ADVISES YOUTH ON MORAL MAXIMS. In an address to the Kiwanis Club, Atlanta, Georgia, 38 year-old William H. Coleman, president of the Coleman Petterson Corp. of Cleveland, Ohio said: 'Adopt and hold to a set of sound moral and spiritual values'.

Mr. Coleman is also president of the Young Presidents Organization, which has 1100 top young business leaders like himself in its organization. He said that young men do not have sufficient to offer by mere energy or 'know-how' - 'I am convinced that workers have a fine sensitivity to spiritual qualities and want to work for a boss who believes in something and in whom they can believe....religion is an important part of any well-rounded executive's life'.

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JAZZ SEXTET ROCKS PULPIT in Manhattan Beach, California Community Church as Howard Rumsey's Lighthouse All-Stars, one of the foremost modern West Coast bands - composed mainly of one-time Stan Kenton band members - gave a 30 minute jazz concert.

Rev. Emerald L. Olson, pastor, explained: 'Education and music have gone progressive; why not religion?' 'We must use modern methods to fit today's problems'. 'Howard Rumsey is breaking new frontiers in music....I'm trying to do the same thing in religion'.

Dr. Duncan E. Littlefair, pastor of the Fountain Street Baptist Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan found the program 'exciting'.

- A'tisket, a'tasket, a brown and yellow basket. ED.

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CLERGYMEN MUST MASTER STAGE TECHNIQUES was the grim rejoinder from the Rev. Robert Faust Sheaffer of Tarentum, Penna. Quoth he: 'Every well-delivered sermon has something of drama in it.....and, like an actor, the preacher has to use gestures; must enunciate clearly and needs to cultivate a pleasing facial expression'.

Rev. Sheaffer has played male lead in 'Blithe Spirit', 'On Borrowed Time', 'Our Town', 'Stage Door', 'Harvey', and 'George Washington Slept Here' at the Community Theatre at New Kensington, Pa. and at the Sherwood Forest Theatre, one of the leading summer stock playhouses of the region. He is now writing a book on the essentials of staging religious plays, to be titled 'Play's the Thing'.

- It all depends on one's viewpoint: Shall one live the part or act it. ED.

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11,221 CHURCHES REGISTERED WITH OPEN-CHURCH ASSOCIATION.

The agreement within the association is that all member churches will keep their doors open on week-days for prayer and meditation. Mr. Coombs, executive v.p., said the need for open doors in churches is growing more evident, as is 'the divided chancel with the cross, the communion table, and lighted candles'.



- The Association is located in Gloucester, Mass. where it maintains a Bible museum. ED.

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PRAYER CRUSADE INAUGURATED FOR REUNION OF ROME WITH ORTHODOXY at the recent Unionistic Congress held at the Benedictine Abbey of St. Procopius in Lisle, Illinois.

Abbot Ambrose L. Ondrak of St. Procopius (Roman Catholic) Abbey said the ultimate aim is bring union with the 200,000,000 Eastern Orthodox Church membership.

The Congress also proposed that lectures on the Byzantine and Eastern Rites be introduced in American Catholic Universities. It was brought out that these forms of worship far predate the Roman (Latin) Mass.

Cardinal Stritch stressed that while Catholic rites differed in externals, there was no difference 'in substance' in the liturgies. He said the offering of the Sacrifice - the essential of the Mass is always the same.

- It is interesting to note that Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, speaking last summer at Youngstown, Ohio, said in regards to the Greek Orthodox Church that while its bishops and priests don't recognize the Pope, 'they are still bishops and priests just as much as I am'. ED.

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WISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ACQUIRES RARE SAMARITAN MANUSCRIPT. A 15th century manuscript of the Samaritan Pentateuch, or Five Books of Moses, has been acquired by the Seminary, which is located in New York City.

Abbi Gerson Cohen, librarian, said the 643 page manuscript is written in the Samaritan alphabet, an ancient form of the Hebrew, with a parallel translation into Arabic. Its pages are made of parchment from the skins of ritually slaughtered animals: ram, goat and sheep. The Samaritans were a schism from Orthodox Judaism, about 2500 years ago. They recognized no prophet except Moses; established no Rabbinic custom and formed a separate liturgy and creed.

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ROMAN BISHOP BANS SECULAR COLLEGE PSYCHOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY STUDY for students who are of his diocese. Roman Catholic Bishop Mark K. Carroll of Wichita, Kan., has exhorted students from his diocese to enroll in most psychology and philosophy courses offered by secular colleges and universities.

The prelate described such courses as being 'a sneaky, sly form of brainwashing'. He added: 'I have done this with the specific purpose of warning them (students) against certain courses which are inimicable to their patriotism and their FAITH'.

Asked how he would advise an average Roman Catholic student, who was obliged to take a beginning course in psychology or philosophy in order to qualify for a degree, the prelate said he would 'probably' direct the student to skip the course. 'There are some psychology and philosophy courses that Catholics would fail in anyway, because they could not write a passing test paper and remain true to their religious teachings', he added.

If a person's Faith was grounded so loosely that it could be undermined by College-level courses offered in these United States, perhaps the Foundation of the Faith is imperfect. It appears that this is a loose form of 'thought-control'. ED.

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RELIGIOUS ATTITUDE STRONGER AMONG MARRIED COUPLES when they have passed the 20th anniversary. This finding was issued by a University of Michigan psychologist, Prof. Lowell Kelly, on the basis of a survey conducted among 300 couples. He first contacted the couples during the days of the depression, when cynicism and pessimism were prevalent. The couples were largely from New England areas and were comprised of those 'somewhat above average in intelligence and education and somewhat more interested in what makes the world go around', the Prof. explained.

Of the original 300 couples, only 22 broke betrothal engagements - 38 ended in divorce - 12 in death - and the rest are still married. The psychologist reported the couples evidenced a 'more realistic and honest' self-appraisal now, than when he first contacted them. While the religious interest grew with marriage, he found the esthetic interest declined.

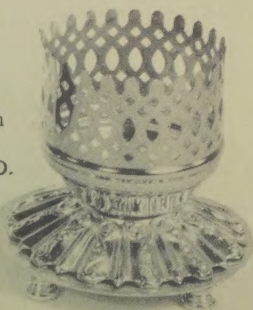
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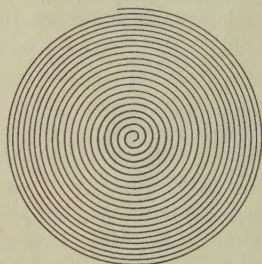
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Bishop Donald H. Tippet of San Francisco told a national Methodist RADIO - TV workshop that the Church's attitude toward the use of mass media has changed from 'veiled hostility to polite indifference', and that it has entered the field slowly and reluctantly.

He added that the Church is duty bound to enter the field if it is to make 'the world its parish'. 'The Church should plan a diversified ministry, looking upon each person, in or out of the Church, as a child of God.....and it must learn to speak to them in terms relevant to their condition and in language they can understand'.

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